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APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

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Application No. MRSP 2019-9

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APPLICANT & PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION	
NAME Stanley W & Lisa A McGriff	
STREET 11 Wheeler Road	CITY/TOWN Grafton
STATE MA ZIP 01519 TELEPHONE	774-551-6186
NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER (if different from Applicant)	
Deed recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Bo	ook 20122 Page 145
SITE INFORMATION:	
STREET AND NUMBER 11 Wheeler Road	
ZONING DISTRICT Residential (R-40) ASSESSOR'S MAP	45 LOT #(S) 1
LOT SIZE 8.29± acres FRONTAGE	381.33'
CURRENT USE Single Family Residence/Undeveloped	portion
PROJECT/PLAN INFORMATION:	
PLAN TITLE Preliminary Development Plans/Major Re	zidential Special Permit
PREPARED BY (name/address of PE/Architect) Andrews Survey	
DATES April 23, 2019 P.O. Box 312 - 104	Mendon St, Uxbridge, MA 01569
Use for which Special Permit is sought: (refer to § 3.2.3.1 of th	e Zoning Bylaw - Use Regulation Table):
Section 5.3 - Major Residential Development	
Cite all appropriate sections of the Zoning By-Law which pe	rtain to this Application, Use and Site:
Section 5.3 - Major Residential Development	
TO THE GRAFTON PLANNING BOARD:	
The undersigned, being the APPLICANT named above, here the Planning Board and certifies that, to the best of APPLICANT herein is correct and complete.	
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Property Owner s Signature (if not Applicant)	Date:

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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY PLAN

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STREET 11 Wheeler I	Road		CITY/TOWN G	rafton
STATE MA	ZIP 01519	TELEPHONE	774-551-6186	
NAME OF PROPERTY O	WNER (if differen	t)		
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CONTACT INFORMA	TION			
NAME Travis Bro	wn, Andrews S	urvey & Engine	eering, Inc.	
STREET P.O. Box 312	- 104 Mendon S	street	CITY/TOWN	Uxbridge
STATE MA	ZIP 01569	TELEPHONE	508-278-3897	
PROJECT LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER	11 Wheeler Re	oad		
ZONING DISTRICT Re	sidential (R-40)	ASSESSOR'S MA	P 45 LOT #(5)	1
PROJECT/PLAN INFOR	MATION:			
PLAN TITLE Prelim. Dev	elopment Plans/M	ajor Residential S	pecial Permit PLAN DATE	ED: April 23, 2019
PREPARED BY (Engineer)	Andrews Surve	ey & Engineerin		
STREET P.O. Box 312			CITY/TOWN	Uxbridge
STATE MA	ZIP 01569	TELEPHONE	508-278-3897	
The undersigned, being to shown on the above refer			r 41, Section 81-L, for approva	al of a proposed subdivision
			nce with the Rules and Regula al of said plan. The undersign	
derived fromWalte	r A Jackman, J	r and Sandra L	Jackman	
by deed dated 6/29/199			r District Registry of Deeds B	
registered in the	Registry Dis	strict of Land Cour	t, Certificate of Title No.	; and said land is free of
encumbrances except for	the following:			
hereby agrees to abide by		Regulations		and in furtherance thereof
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Property Owner's Signatu	re (if not A plican	t) W		Date:
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Certificate of Good Standing

Applicants seeking permits with the Town of Grafton must submit this completed form at the time of application. When all obligations are paid to date, you must attach this "Certificate of Good Standing," with your application. Delinquent bills must be paid in full before the appropriate department accepts your application. Please make arrangements to pay these outstanding bills at the Collector's Office.

Please note: it can take up to three (3) business days to process each request.

Please check all that apply and indicate if permit(s) have been issued.

	Permit Issued? Yes No		Permit Issued? Yes No
☐Building - Inspection(s)		Septic System	
OBuilding - Electric		□ Conservation	
□Building - Plumbing		OPlanning	
□Board of Health		□Other	
Other Permit:			
Stanley McGriff Petitioner Name		Stanley McGriff Property Owner / Co	ompany Name
11 Wheeler Road Petitioner Address		11 Wheeler Road Property Address	
Grafton, MA 01536 City, State, Zip		Grafton, MA City, State, Zip	
_774-551-6186 Phone			
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Ken Brien, MAA
Grafton Data Collector

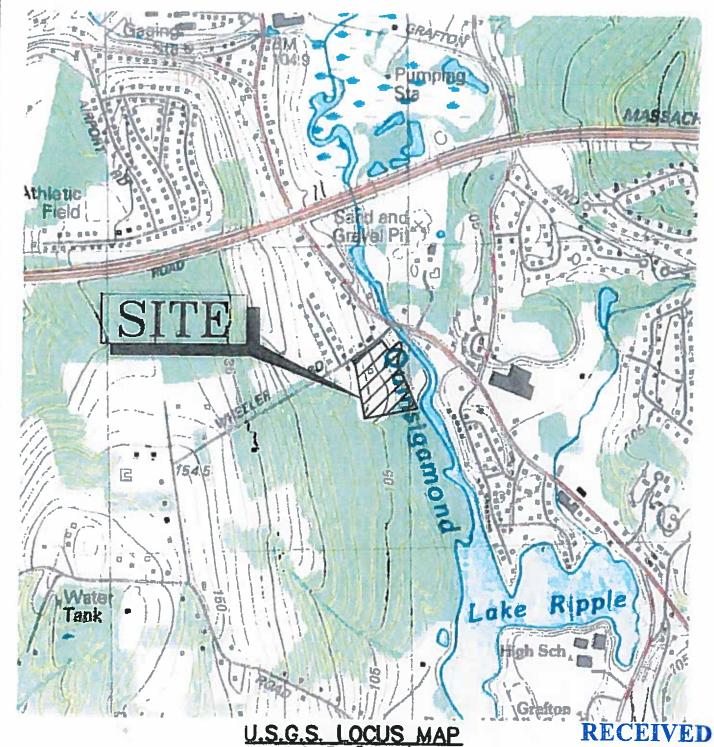
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G.S. LOCUS MAP SCALE: 1"=1000"

PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT 11 WHEELER ROAD **GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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FIGURE 1.0







Major Residential Development 11 Wheeler Road Grafton, Massachusetts

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Project Description and Narrative

The Project Site is comprised of approximately 8.3± acres of land and is situated on the south side of Wheeler Road. The property is identified by the Grafton Board of Assessors as Map 45, Parcel 1, and is located within the Residential (R-40) zoning district and Water Resource Protection District and is owned by Stanley W. & Lisa A. McGriff. The site is bounded to the north by Wheeler Road, to the east and south by land owned by the Grafton Land Trust and on the west by single-family residences.

The property is located entirely within the Residential (R-40) zoning district which requires a minimum lot area of 40,000 s.f. and 140 feet of frontage. The site is also located within the Water Resource Protection District. The site currently contains an existing single-family house and portions of undeveloped land. Although no wetland resource areas exist on site, there are wetland resource areas that surround the property on the east and south sides on land owned by Grafton Land Trust. A wetland delineation of the wetland resource areas has been completed by EcoTec, Inc. and the flag locations have been surveyed and are shown on the plans. The soils on site are mapped as a soil classification of B and C type soils according to Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Maps. The soils on site are well suited for the design of an on-site stormwater management system. The project will be served by municipal water and sewer available in Wheeler Road. It is anticipated that an 8" water main will be constructed in the new roadway which will be tapped into the existing water main in Wheeler Road per Grafton Water Department requirements. The proposed sewer line in the new roadway will be a gravity system that will tie into the existing sewer main in Wheeler Road. Based on record sewer information provided by the Director of Public Works, the existing gravity sewer main is approximately nine (9) feet deep, thus allowing a gravity service in the new subdivision.

In accordance with the Town of Grafton Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, two (2) Preliminary Plans have been prepared. A "Conventional Development Plan" has been prepared based on the minimum requirement of the Residential (R-40) zoning district. A "Flexible Development Plan" has also been prepared based on the minimum requirements set forth in Section 5.3.5 of the Town of Grafton Zoning Bylaw. Under both design scenarios, the proposed roadway alignment and roadway length of 444 linear feet remain identical.

The Conventional Development Plan results in the creation of six (6) new lots conforming to minimum dimensional requirements of the Residential (R-40) zoning district. The lots range in size from 0.93 acres to 1.22 acres. In addition to the creation of six (6) new lots, the existing house will remain a separate lot.

The Flexible Development Plan also results in the creation of six (6) new lots conforming to minimum requirements set forth in Section 5.3.5 of the Town of Grafton Zoning By-law. The lots range in size from 0.35 acres to 0.78 acres and the existing house will remain a separate lot. In addition to the lots being created, a Common Land parcel has been created that contains 2.9 acres, in excess of the 40% required.

Land Use Plan (Section 5.3.4b)4

In accordance with the Town of Grafton Zoning Bylaws, a Flexible Development Plan has been prepared that provides Common Land containing approximately 2.9 acres. The proposed Common Land consists of both natural undisturbed areas that are generally comprised of steep slopes and previously disturbed open meadow areas that also contain an existing gravel drive, likely used historically for agricultural purposes. The land being proposed as Common Land is generally unbuildable as it contains steep slopes and lies within the Riverfront Area of Quinsigamond River. The proposed Common Land shall be left in its current condition with the exception of the proposed stormwater basin area shown on the Flexible Development Plan. It is anticipated that the Common Land will be owned and maintained by a Homeowners Association formed by the residents in the proposed subdivision.



Conventional vs. Flexible Analysis

The Conventional Development Plan provides larger house lots that also allows portions of the proposed lots abutting Grafton Land Trust property to remain in their natural state due to the existing site conditions. A generally steep slope adjacent to GLT property will remain undeveloped due to the slope and also because portions of the site lie within the Riverfront Area of the Quinsigamond River. Under the Conventional Development Plan, the applicant has proposed a strip of land in the benefit of GLT to utilize in maintaining their trail system in the future as well as providing picnic tables in the vicinity of the existing parking area off Wheeler Road. These would result in a public benefit as well as the creation of a small neighborhood subdivision that creates desirable housing in the Town of Grafton.

The Flexible Development Plan provides smaller house lots that are clustered closely together while also providing Common Land. The proposed Common Land consists of both natural undisturbed areas that are generally comprised of steep slopes and previously disturbed open meadow areas that also contain an existing gravel drive. The Common Land is generally unusable due to the slope and being a portion of the Common Land lies within the Riverfront Area of the Quinsigamond River.

In the opinion of the applicant, the best development option is the Conventional Development Plan, which allows for larger lot sizes with the same number of lots as in the Flexible Development Plan. Under the Conventional Development Plan design, some strategies have been identified that provide public benefit to the community while also preserving land directly abutting Grafton Land Trust.

Conclusion

On September 24, 2018, the applicant and engineer met with the Grafton Planning Board to discuss the potential subdivision at 11 Wheeler Road. A waiver would be required for the proposed roadway intersection location in proximity to the two (2) adjacent intersections. As discussed, in the past, the Board had considered waivers where there was an identifiable public benefit making it unique. Following the meeting with the Board, a meeting was conducted on site with Rob Aberg from Grafton Land Trust to discuss potential benefits of the GLT and ultimately the public. During the site meeting, the existing trail was observed to be wet from both rainfall and that the trail is located partially within the wetland. It was briefly discussed with Mr. Aberg that a strip of land providing additional room to potentially relocate the trail uphill as well as providing some picnic tables in the area adjacent to the existing parking area along the Quinsigamond River. Mr. Aberg was agreeable that these may be a benefit to GLT and the interests of the public.

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April 23, 2019

Town of Grafton Planning Board Mr. Joseph Laydon, Town Planner 30 Providence Road Grafton, MA 01519 JUN - 5 2019

PLANNING BOARD GRAFTON, MA

RE: Request for Subdivision Waivers
Preliminary Plan & Special Permit Application
11 Wheeler Road, Grafton, Massachusetts
ASE Project No.: 2018-207

EXHIBIT 19.

Dear Mr. Laydon,

Please accept this letter as a formal request for waivers from the following requirements as set forth in the Town of Grafton Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, with revisions adopted by the Planning Board May 11, 2009. The applicant requests waivers to construct the proposed road to subdivision standards and subsequently the submission and/or installation of the sections listed below associated with the construction of a conventional subdivision road. The applicant proposes to construct a new roadway within the established right-of-way to service single family residential lots.

§ 4.1.3 – Alignment

§ 4.1.3.6

Street shall be laid out so as to intersect with adjacent street or adjacent unsubdivided land at intervals of from six hundred feet (600') to twelve hundred feet (1,200'). In special instances the Planning Board may approve a right-of-way for a future street to remain in fee ownership of the applicant, in lieu of actual construction of a cross street.

The applicant requests a waiver from this requirement as the existing property is located within six hundred feet (600°) of both Worcester Street (Route 140) and Meadow Lane. Although the requirement of this section cannot be met, the proposed roadway has been placed in a location that is generally equidistant for each existing adjacent road while also providing adequate sight distance in both directions along Wheeler Road.

§ 4.7.6 – Lighting

Street lighting shall be located, at a minimum, at intersections and every 300 feet and shall be in accordance with all requirements of the Board of Selectmen and utility provider and as required by the Planning Board.

The applicant requests a waiver from the requirement of street lighting as the anticipated development will have low traffic and pedestrian volumes and street lighting wouldn't be necessary on a short dead-end street in a quiet neighborhood. Typically, the individual homes will provide the site lighting necessary on each lot.

We hope this serves your needs at this time. Should you have any questions or require further assistance please contact this office.

Very Truly Yours,

ANDREWS SURVEY & ENGINEERING, INC.

Travis R. Brown

Senior Project Engineer





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MEMO

PLANNING BOARD GRAFTON, MA

TO:

Stephen O'Connell

FROM:

Jennifer Conley, PE, PTOE

SUBJECT: Sight Distances and Speed Data at 11 Wheeler Road, Grafton, MA

DATE:

March 27, 2019

WSP has conducted a speed study and determined the sight lines for the proposed site driveway on 11 Wheeler Road, Grafton, Massachusetts.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND SPEED STUDY

An automatic traffic recorder (ATR) collected traffic volumes and speed data on Wheeler Road west of proposed roadway entrance point to 11 Wheeler Road paved driveway on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Approximately, 850 vehicles (450 eastbound and 400 westbound) passed the location of the proposed site driveway. The weekday AM peak hour occurred from 7:00 to 8:00 AM when approximately 90 vehicles (80 eastbound and 10 westbound) passed the proposed site driveway. The weekday PM peak hour occurred from 5:30 to 6:30 PM when approximately 80 vehicles (25 eastbound and 55 westbound) passed the proposed site driveway.

During the data collection vehicle speeds were captured. The average speed on Wheeler Road was 27 mph for vehicles approaching from the west and 25 mph for vehicles approaching from the east. The 85th percentile speed or prevailing speed on Wheeler Road was 31 mph for vehicles approaching from the west and 29 mph for vehicles approaching from the east.

The site is located close to the bottom of a hill located to the west. WSP determined the grade of Wheeler Road to the west of the proposed site based on elevations provided on the site plan to be approximately eight percent.



STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE AND INTERSECTION SIGHT DISTANCE

WSP has reviewed the available sight lines approaching and exiting the paved driveway at 11 Wheeler Road and compared them to industry standards.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) calculated the requirements for Stopping Sight Distance (SSD) and Intersection Sight Distance (ISD). SSD is the critical measurement of sight lines as the distance a vehicle needs to come to a complete stop to avoid collision when traveling at a certain speed. ISD is defined as the distance a motorist at an intersection can see before their line of sight is blocked by an obstruction. ISD is not a requirement, but ISD values greater than SSD improve the safety and flow of an intersection.

The Stopping Sight Distance (SSD) at the proposed driveway is effectively unlimited from both east and west directions. An obstruction in the path of travel along Wheeler Road is visible from east end of the street, where it intersects with Worcester Street. Whereas the SSD from the west is more than 500 feet, the vertical curve on the street helps vehicle travelling east to see the obstruction in the path.

WSP measured the Intersection Sight Distance (ISD) in east and west directions of the driveway. ISD to each direction is obstructed by the trees present along both sides of the driveway. The ISD to the east is approximately 35 feet, where it is obstructed by the trees. The ISD to the west is approximately 85 feet where it is blocked by the trees and a light pole. It reappears at 122 feet and continues till 290 feet. After 290 feet, the ISD is blocked by the vertical curve on the street.

The traveling speeds on Wheeler Road were approximately 30 miles per hour. This dictates a Stopping Sight Distance of 200 feet and an Intersection Sight Distance of to the east of 335 feet and to the west of 290 feet on level ground. The available sight lines significantly exceeded the required SSD minimums, even when the downgrade from the west is accounted for. The recommended ISDs are not met in the current condition, however the ISD can and should be increased significantly with tree clearing along the property frontage.



CONCLUSIONS

Approximately 850 vehicles per day passed the proposed site driveway along Wheeler Road with a prevailing speed of approximately 30 miles per hour. The available sight lines exceed the minimum required stopping sight distance for a vehicle to avoid a collision at the site driveway. Additional tree clearing would increase the sight lines for a vehicle exiting the site driveway in order to provide the safest condition.